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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : July 28, 2004
Maurizio TARRANO : Group Art Unit: 3712
Serial No. 10/639,679 : Confirmation No. 6130
Filed: August 13, 2003 : Examiner: Mendiratta, V. K.
For: DRAUGHTBOARD AND GAME KIT :
COMPRISING SUCH A DRAUGHTBOARD:

SUPPLEMENTARY RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

This is further to the Amendment we filed on July 22, 2004.

The undersigned wishes to express his appreciation for the courtesy of an interview conducted with Examiner Mendiratta on July 27, 2004.

Claims 10 and 14 were discussed with respect to Foster and Pridgeon.

The undersigned claimed that Foster teaches away from replacing the finger engaging portions 14 in the playing surface sections 13 of Foster with the pins 40 of Pridgeon, since doing so would destroy the intended function of the sections 13 to be reversible as disclosed throughout the patent, such as in col. 1, lines 16-19, 23-24, 27 and col. 2, lines 45-49. Furthermore,

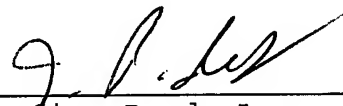
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Pridgeon does not disclose removable blocks of first and second colors that make up the draughtboard. Item 16 or 34 are the playing pieces themselves rather than the squares of the draughtboard. The playing spaces 12 are fixed rather than being removable as in applicant's claimed invention.

In view of the above, it is asserted that claims 10-14 are patentable over the cited references and are asserted to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of rejection is respectfully requested and an early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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